

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1840

---

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Steven A. Tolman**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to humanist marriage officiants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Steven A. Tolman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Suffolk and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01031 OF 2007-2008.]

## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

---

**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

---

### **AN ACT RELATIVE TO HUMANIST MARRIAGE OFFICIANTS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 207, Section 38 of the 2004 Official Edition of the General Laws  
2   is hereby amended in line 19 by inserting after the first semicolon the following:- A Humanist  
3   Celebrant, Humanist Chaplain, Humanist Minister, or other person permitted to perform  
4   marriages by the American Humanist Association, if such Celebrant, Chaplain, Minister, or other  
5   person is recognized by the Humanist Association of Massachusetts as being duly certified by,  
6   and in good standing with, the American Humanist Association and;

7   Chapter 207, Section 39 of the 2004 Official Edition of the General Laws is hereby amended in  
8   line 21 by inserting after the semicolon the following:- A Humanist Celebrant, Humanist  
9   Chaplain, Humanist Minister, or other person permitted to perform marriages by the American  
10   Humanist Association, if such Celebrant, Chaplain, Minister, or other person is duly certified by,  
11   in good standing with, the American Humanist Association and;